

U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530

Supplemental Statement

**Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of
1938, as amended**

For Six Month Period Ending 08/31/17

(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant

(b) Registration No.

Washington Strategy Group

6365

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant

4401 Walsh Street, Chevy Chase, MD, 20815

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following?

(a) If an individual:

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| (1) Residence address(es) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Citizenship | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Occupation | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

(b) If an organization:

- | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| (1) Name | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Ownership or control | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Branch offices | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Items (a) and (b) above.

IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5(a).3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C¹, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.Yes ☐ No ☒If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

¹ The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date Connection Ended
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(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in Item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such person and describe the service rendered.

(b) During this six month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes ☐ No ☒

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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(c) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Date Terminated
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(d) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their connection with any foreign principal during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Foreign Principal	Date Terminated
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(b) of the supplemental statement?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒
If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal

Date of Termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal(s)² during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒
If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and Address of Foreign Principal(s)

Date Acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principal(s)² whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

Iraq Stability and Security Program (ISSP)

10. (a) Have you filed exhibits for the newly acquired foreign principal(s), if any, listed in Item 8?

Exhibit A³ Yes ☐ No ☒Exhibit B⁴ Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

- (b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, please attach the required amendment.

² The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a)(9)). A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

³ The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3, sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

⁴ The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4, sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

Iraq Stability and Security Program (ISSP):

Activities were designed and implemented in order to help ISSP advance its foreign policy goals in Washington, DC, through engagement with Congress, the Executive Branch, Think Tanks, and the Media.

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity⁵ as defined below? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

See Attached

13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits your foreign principal(s)? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

⁵ "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION**14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.⁶

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
8/10/17	ISSP	Consulting to ISSP	31,275
5/2/17	ISSP	Consulting to ISSP	6,057
4/20/17	ISSP	Consulting to ISSP	10,000
3/29/17	ISSP	Consulting to ISSP	11,890
3/29/17	ISSP	Consulting to ISSP	10,000
			<u>69,222</u>
			Total

(b) RECEIPTS - FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fundraising campaign⁷, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D⁸ to your registration? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date _____

(c) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁹ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Thing of Value	Purpose
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6, 7 A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. (See Rule 201(e)).

8 An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

9 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) DISBURSEMENTS-MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
4/11/17	USDOJ/National Security Division/FARA Office	Cost of FARA Registration Continuation	305
8/31/17	Misc.	Transportation	115
8/31/17	Misc.	Food	50
8/31/17	Misc.	Communications (FedEx/Copies/Web)	1796
4/17/17	Allison O'Brien Photography	Photographer	2,372
4/10/17	Trister, Ross, Schadler & Gold, PLLC	Legal Support	2,805
3/10/17	Washington Media Group	Media Consultant	3,500

10,943**Total**

(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value¹⁰ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value¹¹ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
4/30/17	150	Marc Elrich for County Executive	Online Donation
5/9/17	250	Ben Shnider for Montgomery County Council	Online Donation

^{10, 11} Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. (a) During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials?¹²

Yes ☒ No ☐

If Yes, go to Item 17.

(b) If you answered No to Item 16(a), do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, please forward the materials disseminated during the six month period to the Registration Unit for review.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

Sheikh Jamal Al-Dhari, President of the Iraqi National Project

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes ☒ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

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19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- ☒ Radio or TV broadcasts ☒ Magazine or newspaper ☐ Motion picture films ☐ Letters or telegrams
☐ Advertising campaigns ☐ Press releases ☐ Pamphlets or other publications ☐ Lectures or speeches
☐ Other (specify) _____

Electronic Communications

- ☒ Email
☐ Website URL(s): _____
☐ Social media websites URL(s): _____
☐ Other (specify) _____

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- ☒ Public officials ☒ Newspapers ☐ Libraries
☒ Legislators ☒ Editors ☐ Educational institutions
☒ Government agencies ☐ Civic groups or associations ☐ Nationality groups
☐ Other (specify) _____

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- ☒ English ☐ Other (specify) _____

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act?

Yes ☒ No ☐

¹² The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature¹³)9/29/17Joel Rubin

¹³ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

- 1) 3/2/17
 - a. POC: Congressional Meeting Requests
 - b. Reason: To request meetings for Sheikh Jamal Al-Dhari.
- 2) 3/7/17
 - a. POC: Congressional Meeting Requests
 - b. Reason: To request meetings for Sheikh Jamal Al-Dhari.
- 3) 3/7/17
 - a. POC: Office of the Vice President
 - b. Reason: To request a meeting with OVP staff for Sheikh Jamal Al-Dhari.
- 4) 3/8/17:
 - a. POC: State Department Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Iraq Joe Pennington
 - b. Reason: Meeting to discuss the Iraq Stability and Security Program (ISSP) and upcoming visit to the United States by Sheikh Jamal Al-Dhari.
- 5) 3/13/17
 - a. POC: Office of the Secretary of Defense
 - b. Reason: To request a meeting with OSD staff for Sheikh Jamal Al-Dhari.
- 6) 3/17/17
 - a. POC: National Security Council
 - b. Reason: To request a meeting with NSC staff for Sheikh Jamal Al-Dhari.
- 7) 3/23/17
 - a. POC: Lawfare Blog
 - b. Reason: To publish a piece written by Sheikh Jamal Al-Dhari, which appeared at <https://lawfareblog.com/trump-must-learn-us-mistakes-iraq>.
- 8) 3/27/17
 - a. POC: Offices of Sen. Bob Corker (R-TN), Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI), Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA), and Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-TX)
 - b. Reason: Meetings with Sheikh Jamal Al-Dhari.
- 9) 3/28/17
 - a. POC: Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA); Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT); Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC)
 - b. Reason: Meetings with Sheikh Jamal Al-Dhari.
- 10) 3/29/17
 - a. POC: Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL); Rep. Ed Royce (R-CA); Rep. Eliot Engel (D-NY)
 - b. Reason: Meetings with Sheikh Jamal Al-Dhari.

11) 3/30/17

- a. POC: Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA); Office of Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD)
- b. Reason: Meetings with Sheikh Jamal Al-Dhari.

12) 3/31/17

- a. POC: Center for the Study of The Presidency and Congress; Politico Morning Defense; Al Jazeera
- b. Reason: Media Interviews with Sheikh Jamal Al-Dhari.

13) 4/2/17:

- a. POC: FOX News
- b. Reason: Pitching Sheikh Jamal Al-Dhari for an interview.

14) 4/3/17

- a. POC: Center for American Progress
- b. Reason: Meeting with Sheikh Jamal Al-Dhari to discuss Iraq.

15) 4/4/17

- a. POC: Reuters
- b. Reason: Media Interview with Sheikh Jamal Al-Dhari.

16) 4/4/17

- a. POC: USA Today; Wall Street Journal; Washington Post; CNN; Defense One; New York Times
- b. Reason: Media Roundtable with Sheikh Jamal Al-Dhari.

17) 4/5/17

- a. POC: Rep. Ted Deutch (D-FL); Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI); Office of Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA)
- b. Reason: Meetings with Sheikh Jamal Al-Dhari.

18) 4/6/17

- a. POC: Politico
- b. Reason: Media Interview with Sheikh Jamal Al-Dhari.

19) 4/12/17:

- a. POC: State Department's Iraq Office Director Peter Shea
- b. Reason: Meeting to discuss Sheikh Jamal Al-Dhari's Visit.

20) 4/18/17:

- a. POC: State Department's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Iraq and Officer Bryan Koontz; Office of Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT)
- b. Reason: Meetings to discuss Sheikh Jamal Al-Dhari's Visit.

21) 5/2/17:

- a. POC: Offices of Senator Corker, Senator Reed, Senator Kaine, Rep. Thornberry, Rep. Smith, Senator Murphy, Rep. Kinzinger, Rep. Royce, Rep. Engel, Rep. Schiff, Sen. Cardin, Sen. Markey, Rep. Deutch
- b. Reason: To deliver the following two documents - "International Conference to Save Iraq" and "Suggested Conditions for USG Assistance to Iraq."

22) 5/4/17:

- a. POC: Offices of Rep. Tulsi Gabbard and Sen. Lindsey Graham
- b. Reason: To deliver the following two documents - "International Conference to Save Iraq" and "Suggested Conditions for USG Assistance to Iraq."

23) 5/5/17:

- a. POC: USCIS Ombudsman's Office
- b. Reason: To receive an update on a request regarding the USCIS Ombudsman's Office intervention in a colleague's family member's engagement with RSCMENA.

24) 5/6/17:

- a. POC: State Department's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Iraq and Iraq Office Director Peter Shea
- b. Reason: Meeting to provide "Participation in the 2018 Primary elections" memo.

25) 5/17/17:

- a. POC: Politico
- b. Reason: To pitch an OpEd by Sheikh Jamal Al-Dhari.

26) 5/23/17:

- a. POC: State Department's Iraq Office Director Peter Shea
- b. Reason: Meeting to discuss Iraq.

27) 6/1/17:

- a. POC: Treasury Department/OFAC
- b. Reason: Meeting to discuss Iraq.

28) 7/19/17

- a. POC: State Department's Iraq Office Director Peter Shea
- b. Reason: Meeting to discuss Iraq.

29) 7/20/17:

- a. POC: Office of Senator Chris Murphy
- b. Reason: Meeting to discuss Iraq.

30) 7/23/17:

- a. POC: Office of Senator Chris Murphy
- b. Reason: Meeting to deliver the following document: "Suggestions for Conditions related to USG Assistance for the Government of Iraq."